

# PADM 0620 - Public Budgeting: Politics and Practices

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Budgeting is an essential element of Public Administration. This course explores the theoretical aspects of public budgeting and the practical skills needed to get the resources your organization needs and to spend it wisely.

Course Objectives | By the end of this course students should be able to:

- Develop a public budget that identifies revenue sources and expenses.
- Understand how to assess and navigate political environments that will influence budget development and execution.
- Identify past attempts at the development of public budgeting theories, understanding positive and negative aspects of these theories and the political climates that informed their developments.

Course Textbook | The Politics of Public Budgeting: Getting and Spending, Borrowing and Balancing, Eighth Edition (2017) Irene S. Rubin  
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